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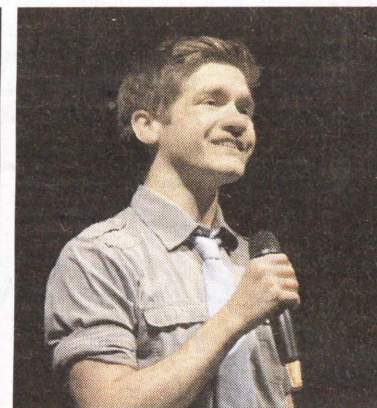
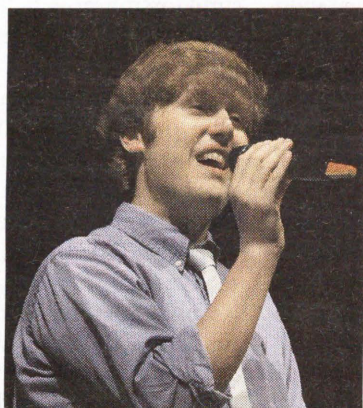


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## Spring Sing hosts and hostesses

Junior Tori Wisely, sophomore Austin Collum, senior Benji Holder, junior Lindsey Sloan and freshman Jonathan Andrew will host Spring Sing in April of 2013. Check out an article with new photos and interviews with the hosts and hostesses in next week's issue of the Bison.

photos by CHANEY MITCHELL | Student Publications



## Students offer relief to LaPlace after hurricane

by MATT RYAN  
features editor

Relief efforts directed by the Student Association began in LaPlace, La., last weekend, following Hurricane Isaac's pass through the region in late August.

Over the next three weekends, the SA plans to send more teams of about 10-12 people to the city, located about 25 miles west of New Orleans. SA President Will Waldron said these teams will primarily focus on gut-

ting and cleaning damaged homes, providing hot meals to victims and praying over the city.

"We went down there this last Friday, and it's kind of a shame just how much it's been covered up," Waldron said. "They kind of put it in the news for a couple days and then all of a sudden it disappeared because of all the national conventions and the Democratic and Republican nominations and everything. But when we went down there to check it

out, I mean in some areas the damage is just like what you saw when Katrina came through New Orleans. So that's why we want to go."

According to CNN, the category one hurricane damaged approximately 13,000 homes throughout the state of Louisiana after reaching the coast on Aug. 19.

Senior Scotti Beth Lawson, born and raised in LaPlace, said her home received six inches of flood damage, though in other parts of the city some received as

much as six feet.

"It's kind of turned us completely upside down," Lawson said. "This is not something that has ever happened before. I think our biggest issue is trying to pick up the pieces and trying to get back to putting our heads above water and figuring out what are the next steps and how do we go about getting all this relief taken care of."

Lawson contacted Waldron three weeks ago when she heard about the SA's plans

to work in LaPlace. Since then, she made a chapel announcement about the efforts on behalf of the SA and her family opened its home for students to stay in while in LaPlace. Lawson said she wants to be available to answer questions, to help the SA get in touch with local officials and to generally be at the SA's disposal throughout the efforts.

The SA is also collecting stuffed animals in the student center for the relief teams

to hand out to children affected by the damage in LaPlace. Waldron said the SA would like to get local schools and businesses involved, and students are encouraged to participate.

"It was a truly great experience that allowed us to shine God's light and be the servants we are called to be, while still having a good time and making memories that will last a life time," said freshman Stephanie Grzenia, who went to LaPlace last weekend.

## Dream internship Student finishes summer with Kansas City Chiefs

by TRACY MARE  
student writer

While many of Harding's students were busy relaxing and traveling this summer, senior athletic training major Justin Kutter had the internship of a lifetime. He landed a position with the Kansas City Chiefs as an athletic trainer for all of their preseason training.

Kutter was placed in a leadership role to provide guidance to the rest of the student athletic trainers who were packing and helped the team move to and from St. Joseph, Mo., for preseason camp.

A large part of Kutter's experience included stretching and taping athletes. Kutter said that new players came to him and the other trainers quite frequently, but that veteran players knew when pain or soreness was serious and when it was not, and did not spend as much time with the trainers.

In addition to taping and stretching, some of Kutter's other responsibilities included setting up equipment for practices and games as well as participating in hands-on therapeutic exercises and modalities, such as physical therapy.

While most of his experience was pertinent to his specific field of study, getting to know the players, however, was a highlight for him.

"Getting to know all of them on a personal level and being involved with them from day to day was pretty cool," Kutter said.

Although Kutter missed the first two weeks of school, he said the experience gained through this internship will be invaluable for him in the future.

Jimmy Ntekos, assistant athletic trainer for the Kansas City Chiefs, said he enjoyed having Kutter work with their team during the summer.

"Justin was a pleasure to work with," Ntekos said. "I would recommend him for a seasonal position if possible in the future."

Dr. Randy Lambeth, athletic training education program director for Harding, said he was very proud Kutter excelled during his time with the Chiefs.

"They praised his work and felt like he was one of the best," Lambeth said. "He's talked about the opportunity to go back and I don't know whether he will or not, but it's exciting for them to be interested in talking to him about coming back and working with them."

The athletic training program at Harding is extremely competitive and only accepts eight students per year. Acceptance is based upon students' GPA, recommendation letters and a formal interview process, among other requirements.

"I think it's a very good reflection on the program," Lambeth said. "Not only did [Kutter] get asked to go, but once he got there he performed extremely well."



by ASHEL PARSONS | Student Publications

Photojournalist Philip Holsinger presents his gallery of photographs taken during a 6-year span in Haiti. Holsinger is planning on taking the show, called "A Tourist of Saints," to other cities. The photographs will be in the Stevens Art Gallery until Oct. 5.

## 'A Tourist of Saints' photo gallery features journey through Haiti

by JESS BOYD  
web editor

The photo collection, "A Tourist of Saints" features a sampling of work by photojournalist Philip Holsinger and showcases photos from his trips to Haiti over the past six years.

After traveling to Haiti, Holsinger said he decided to share his journey through photos and journal excerpts in his book "A Tourist of Saints."

"My hope is that the thousands of people who visit Haiti for mission work or aid work will buy the book because they have a little connection to Haiti," Holsinger said. "I hope that once they start reading the book, they end up looking at their own life differently. That, to me, would be a success."

After the show at Harding, Holsinger said he plans to show "A Tourist of Saints" in several other cities. To create a more interactive environment in the gallery, he included QR codes next to several photos, which link to sound clips of Haitian songs. Holsinger said that the added layer of sound brings viewers into the environment and allows them

to forget about "Philip the photographer" for a moment.

More photos from "A Tourist of Saints" are also on display at Midnight Oil. Senior Leila Shelburne, an employee at Midnight Oil, said she appreciates the way Holsinger shows the poverty of circumstance without reducing the people's dignity.

Holsinger first visited Haiti in 2006; since then he has traveled back with different aid organizations and mission groups. According to Holsinger, he has photographed and built relationships with people all over the island and after the earthquake in 2010, he helped with the relief efforts.

One of the challenges Holsinger said he faced was people's aversion to being photographed. Some of the photos he captured were of people he had never met, while others were of people he formed deep relationships with, Holsinger said.

"Sometimes the relationship precedes the photograph, but then sometimes it follows after," Holsinger said. "And sometimes there is no relationship. Either way I hope that it is an act of service."

"A Tourist of Saints" will run through Oct. 5 in the Stevens Art Gallery.



### Ice, ice, baby



photo by CHANEY MITCHELL | Student Publications  
Seniors Tim Landuyt and Rachel Moran hand out snow cones at Chi Kappa Rho's "Circus" mixer held at Harding Park on Sept. 10.

## Secret church speaks out

by AERIAL WHITING  
opinions editor

Secret Church, a new Bible study group at Harding, met for the first time from 6 p.m. to past midnight on Friday, Sept. 14, in the Administration Auditorium.

Headed by Student Association Vice President senior Hector Felix and graduate assistant Taylor Payne, Secret Church is patterned after churches that meet secretly around the world in the sense that those churches will meet for hours at a time to study Scripture.

The idea to have a Bible study that imitates underground churches came from the book "Radical — Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream" by David Platt, pastor of The Church at Brook Hills in Birmingham, Ala., Felix said. According to Felix, after Platt visited a country where Christians had to convene in secret, he imitated the underground church experience at his own congregation by taking the time to have an in-depth study of the Bible.

Felix said he and Payne wanted to apply this concept for Bible study at Harding.

"We said, 'What would happen if this came to Harding?'" Felix said. "If this radical thinking of not meeting on a Sunday or Wednesday or during chapel, meeting on a Friday night, just to dig through the Scripture, just to be in the word for the whole night — what if we did that here at Harding? What could it look like?" ... We're just so in love with God's word that we're going to be in it and just be with each other and be uplifted."

At the first meeting, the half-filled auditorium listened as five speakers each delivered a lesson on a different chapter of the book of James. The speakers were Payne, Assistant Professor of Bible Andrew Baker, Associate Professor of Bible & Religion Kevin Youngblood, junior Mitchell Carter and Matt Love, youth minister for Beebe Church of Christ.

Youngblood said he was pleased with the turnout for the first meeting.

"In my opinion, you guys are the Navy Seals of the Lord's army," Youngblood said. "[Your] being here tonight and putting in the time to go deep in the word and to exercise your mind with good theology ... is encouraging and inspiring."

The next meeting time of Secret Church has not been announced, but the group will meet at least once more this semester, according to Felix.

According to Felix, Secret Church is important because it is an opportunity to study the Bible in a radical way.

"I just think here in America we place church as a checklist type of thing," Felix said. "We get so complacent, so lukewarm, with our Christianity that we don't do radical things anymore. [Secret Church is] just another way of getting into the word, and that's something we don't do as often anymore."

## Students prepare for 'the Gauntlet'

by LEXI STUTZMAN  
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Numerous Harding students will test their strength, endurance, and determination tomorrow as they compete to Conquer the Gauntlet; a four-mile obstacle course race to be held in Little Rock.

Harding alumni Stephen and David Mainprize created Conquer the Gauntlet in 2012. The course features more than 25 endurance-testing obstacles including Hay Bale Haven, Tire Mountain and Fire Pit Jump, and concludes with the Gauntlet, according to conquerthegauntlet.com.

Campus Activities Board member Jared Dryden said the Mainprizes contacted CAB to help them promote the race among Harding students. Dryden said CAB was inspired to get involved because of the mission behind the race.

"It's a pretty crazy obstacle course," Dryden said. "It's something that's really going to challenge people. [Stephen and David] try to promote really strong values that are built in a Christian faith. Not necessarily explicitly stated, but just things like strong character values and commitment — when you decide to do something

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-Jared Dryden,  
Junior

you go through with it."

Aside from inspiring strong values, Conquer the Gauntlet is helping inspire hope by donating a portion of the proceeds to the Tim Tebow Foundation which works with various organizations including hospitals, orphanages and playrooms according to Conquer the Gauntlet's website.

Senior Stuart Haley will be among the students participating in the race. Haley said he signed up for the unique opportunity to challenge himself physically.

"It's an experience that doesn't come around that often," Haley said. "I want to just get out and do crazy stuff. Four miles itself is a challenge, but then you have to crawl under barbed wire at some point and climb over wooden walls. I think it will challenge me physically in every way possible."

Others, such as senior Brittany Chase, said they are participating for the thrill

of the course. Chase said she wanted to compete on the show "Survivor" but was unable to make the tryouts. She said she will run because she enjoys the similarly intense challenge Conquer the Gauntlet will offer.

Competitors can run in teams or individually and are encouraged to wear costumes. The race begins at 8 a.m. Saturday.

Beyond the memorable experience, Dryden said he believes competitors will leave the race with a sense of empowerment.

"You set out and you paid this fee and you've got this T-shirt, but that's not what you want from this," Dryden said. "What you want is that feeling of 'Hey four miles ago, I set out in my running gear and here I am messy, exhausted and totally gross' but you'll have that memory and that accomplishment behind you. And that's more symbolic than anything. It shows that you can set out and finish anything."



### BEYOND THE BUBBLE

**BENGHAZI** - U.S. ambassador to Libya, Chris Stevens, died on Tuesday, Sept. 11, after an assault on the American Consulate in Benghazi by protestors against the American-produced video "Innocence of Muslims." The assault lasted four hours during which attackers set fire to the consulate. Stevens was among four Americans killed in the attack.

**BATON ROUGE** - Students at Louisiana State University were forced to evacuate campus Monday, Sept. 17, due to a bomb threat. The incident followed two similar bomb threats that occurred at the University of Texas and North Dakota State University on Friday, Sept. 14.

**NASHVILLE** - Olympic snowboarder Shaun White was arrested for vandalism and public intoxication on Tuesday, Sept. 18. White fled a hotel after an employee accused him of smashing a phone. White then allegedly fell and hit his head while attempting to attack a guest who followed him out of the hotel. White was later treated at a hospital.

Information from CNN.com

## Social clubs and social work major raise funds, support causes

### Zeta Rho, Ko Jo Kai and senior Mindy Gross rally behind Relay for Life, Walk to Cure Diabetes, the Sharing Shoppe

by HANNAH ROBISON  
student writer

Harding University social clubs and students have been working to raise funds and awareness for local and national organizations this month.

Through a creative use of ideas and resources, members of Zeta Rho, Ko Jo Kai and students of the social work course Community Practice have collected donations and provided services to support Relay for Life, Type one diabetes and the Sharing Shoppe, a thrift store that benefits Searcy Children's Homes, Inc.

The women of Zeta Rho used their time and talents by babysitting for faculty families and references. Members worked in pairs between 4 p.m. and 12 a.m. on Sept. 7 to give parents a night out. The proceeds went directly to Zeta Rho's Relay for Life teams. Service directors, juniors Emily Cook and Sara Denton, said that this project was a way for girls

to give their time instead of money.

"We focus on servicing the community and service within our club; we're trying to find a good balance between the two," Denton said. "The babysitting was great, because it allowed community members to give — we could give to them [and] they could give to us."

Cook said that nearly \$400 was raised through the babysitting event and helped the club to win Relay for Life's online challenge held the same day as the fundraiser. By raising the greatest amount of money for the online challenge, the club now has first choice of an area on the front lawn for Harding's Relay for Life event on Oct. 12.

Ko Jo Kai's vice president, senior Anna Grace Chandler, and service directors, sophomores Mary Pickens and Nicole Wallace, organized their fundraiser held on Sept. 10 and 11 to support the Walk to Cure Diabetes held on Sept. 15. Students had the opportunity to

donate money and receive a 10 percent off coupon for drinks at Midnight Oil. Sophomore Adam Dell played on Tuesday, Sept. 12, at the coffeehouse from 7-9 p.m. Nearly \$230 was collected overall to donate to the walk, sponsored by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

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-Sara Denton,  
Junior

Chandler, diagnosed with juvenile diabetes when she was 8, expressed that she is passionate about the walk and not only raising funds to support the lives and research of those with diabetes, but to raise awareness as well.

"Some people don't realize how serious diabetes is if it's not taken care of," Chandler said.

Mindy Gross, a senior social work major, has also been preparing a fundraiser on her own for credit in her course, Community Practice. Gross and her team received the opportunity to promote and volunteer for the Sharing Shoppe of Searcy, a local, non-profit store that sells thrift items at discount prices.

"We're trying to raise awareness, especially on campus, that the Sharing Shoppe exists and that it's a great place to go for cheap and fashionable clothing," Gross said.

All proceeds from the store benefit Searcy Children's Homes, Inc. Gross plans to implement an upcoming fundraiser on campus for clothing donations and to inform students of the shop itself.

Whether through a large club or an individual, opportunities abound on campus for students to support and serve.

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## Reading: Pleasure or Pain?

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You don't have to be an English major to know the difference between a magical, modern "Harry Potter" novel and a lengthy, somewhat boring class textbook that lectures you on the Middle Ages. One of them you read for your own pleasure, and the other one, well, is more of an obligation. But that doesn't mean you can't enjoy discovering the intriguing mystery of fantasy at Hogwarts and how Michelangelo painted "The Creation of Adam" on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel at the same time.

When you sit down to read a particular text for a class, what goes through your head? Some might think: "Oh, this is so boring," or, "Why do I have to do this?" or even, "What is this guy trying to say to me? I don't understand." Now compare your thoughts to when you are reading a captivating novel that caught your eye at Barnes & Noble. I bet you

were thinking: "What's going to happen next?" or, "Oh my goodness, this is juicy stuff," and, "I'm not putting this book down. Like ... ever."

So, what exactly is the difference between the two texts, anyway? Is it that their style of writing doesn't quite make you sit on the edge of your seat? Is it because we can't be still and concentrate because we would rather be doing something else? Or is it simply because we don't understand the author because of all the humongous words they throw at us?

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- Amanda Scott, senior

Books have been around for centuries, and they are filled with knowledge that we use for our own personal

growth. These amazing tools have influenced us since our parents read to us in our childhood, when we first attended elementary school, and yes, even now, we still read throughout our college experience.

Even though reading may seem like a dreary, solitary and stereotypically "nerdy" activity, it can actually be fun. My advice to you all would be to read actively, continue to ask questions and make yourself be interested when it comes time to read those overwhelming textbooks for that history exam. If you make the effort, I guarantee you will be surprised at all the new things you will learn.

And of course, for those of you still hooked on "Harry Potter," encourage others to pick up a book in their spare time and join in on the adventure. Your IQ has the capability to expand just as well as your imagination. By all means, receive that A-plus you have been longing for. In the end, books are your friends, not your enemies.

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## OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS

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### Sin on Skin?

When that sharp tip of the tattoo gun neared my wrist it never once crossed my mind that it could be considered a sin. The only thought that was stuck in my head was something along the lines of: "Oh goodness, needle." There are some people out there, though, who believe getting a tattoo is sinful. In Leviticus 19:28 it says, "Do not cut your bodies for the dead or put tattoo marks on yourselves. I am the Lord." Even though this comes from the Old Testament, many Christians still believe that it applies and therefore is a sin.

The only rule regarding tattoos known to me was: "You have to wait until you are 18 before you even think about getting one." And that rule came from my father. So growing up I never thought that when I turned 18 and finally got one it would be deemed a sin. I could understand if it was something that was impersonal and meant nothing, but surely not symbols that are held dear: the name of a friend from long ago or the footprint of a lost child, or most of all the Scripture verse that changed a life. How could these things be thought of as unholy?

So it came as a surprise to me when, after I got my tattoo, a fellow student walked up to me and stated, "You're OK with having a tattoo even though it's a sin." I was so taken aback I didn't know how to respond. I was momentarily shocked silent. Never once had I believed what I did was bad, something condemnable.

When I finally did get my head back on straight I explained to her what my tattoo meant: It represented the people who shaped me and helped me become the person I am today. She was still not satisfied. No matter how I tried to explain it to her, she was resilient that it was a sin. It didn't matter what my tattoo meant, but the very fact I got a tattoo was blasphemy.

Finally after we had argued about it long enough, I left her with a simple statement: "How can showing my love for the people who made me be a sin if God was one of those people?"

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### 'Tattooless'

"You call this a Harley?" a buff motorcyclist asks his scrawny tattoo artist. He draws back his black leather vest to reveal a child-sized electric scooter that had been tattooed to his chest.

One of my all-time favorite movies is the 1995 film "Houseguest," starring Sinbad and Phil Hartman, and that scene in the movie is a significant part of why I will never get a tattoo.

What you picture in your mind may not be what you end up with on your skin. Not every tattoo artist deserves to be called an artist. If your tattoo artist has the skill of your toddler niece, then I hope you like scribbles, because whatever is on your skin is permanent. Although there are some tattoo artists who have real, extraordinary talent, such as the ones featured on "Miami Ink," they may be closer to the exception than the rule.

Another reason not to get a tattoo is that tattoos don't always look professional. If you are a professional wrestler, a tattoo might fit remarkably well into your work attire. However, can you imagine an accountant with a garish skull-and-snake design permanently affixed to his bicep? Yeah, neither can a potential boss. In a job interview, the first impression is likely to be the most important impression. It would be unwise to risk making a poor impression by showing off a tattoo that detracts from one's professional appearance.

The last reason I would give for not getting a tattoo, though, is perhaps the most important one. God made humans in his image, and he called the humans he made "very good." God's version of "very good" cannot be improved on. His standard for "very good" is true perfection and cannot be altered in any way. To be made in His image is to be made top-of-the-line. There can be no enhancements that can make better His work in creating you.

I would like to make it clear that I love tattooed people just as much as people without tattoos. I'm not going to say you are unprofessional or less like God's image or even that you could have used a better tattoo artist. I honestly think tattoos look pretty cool sometimes.

I would never get a tattoo myself because I do not think the pros outweigh the cons. I have a hard enough time looking old enough to be a professional without adding a tattoo to the mix, and I think my likeness to God's image is just what I want it to be.

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## Seeking the Good

I love the blending of fairy tales and contemporary fiction in literature and film, so one of my favorite movies is Disney's "Enchanted," and my all-time favorite TV show is ABC's "Once Upon a Time." In both of these stories, the antagonists banish characters from their respective fantasy worlds to our world because of their own selfish ambitions.

In "Once Upon a Time," the evil queen Regina casts a spell that transfers all of the characters from their fairy tale homes in her world to the fictitious modern-day town of Storybrooke, Maine, to ensure the misery of everyone but herself, and especially of Snow White. In "Enchanted," the wicked queen Narissa sends the bride-to-be of her stepson to New York City, "a place," according to the queen, "where there are no 'happily ever afters.'"

We might chuckle when television shows or movies such as these portray our world as one of desolation, especially when the world they come from appears much more innocent or exciting than ours. However, I reject the notion that the world we live in, the world our Creator spoke into existence and said was good, is a bleak place.

Fortunately, in both the movie and the show, the heroes and heroines seem to reject this notion as well, and they often find reasons to rejoice even in the most hostile circumstances. Similarly, I believe this is what Christians should do: Seek the good — in every situation. The Bible does not promise us an easy road; on the contrary, Scripture tells us that trials will come. But that does not mean we have to lose our happiness. We can and should look for the blessings that come from the challenges we face, and we should be encouraged by them. As Philippians 4:8 indicates, we should let our thoughts dwell on the positives in good times and bad.

We are reaching a point in the semester when quizzes are numerous, the club process is well under way and major events such as the Annual Bible Lectureship and Homecoming are quickly approaching, and it can be tempting to let our increasingly full schedules rob us of our joy. Our focus, though, should be on celebrating the benefits of these things, not worrying about the tension we feel from trying to get everything accomplished.

If classes are tough, rejoice that you are getting an education, an opportunity that many people do not have. If you are nervous about the social club induction process, whether you are a prospective member or a current member, rejoice that you have the chance to meet many wonderful people. If work takes up a lot of your time, rejoice that you have a job and are gaining experience that you can apply to your future career.

Perhaps you are facing challenges of greater magnitude than school or work. Even so, I encourage you to look for the bright side of your situation. The blessings may not be readily apparent, but you can take heart that God is working for your spiritual good through these difficulties (James 1:2-4; Romans 8:28).

I hope that your semester is going swimmingly and that you are taking pleasure in all of your activities. But if you are struggling right now, I hope you will look for the silver lining — because happiness is seeking the good.

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## Moral of the Story

### Schools Need Radical Change

Last week, Chicago experienced its first teacher strike in 25 years. Instead of heading to school on Monday, more than 26,000 teachers gathered to strike. The strike left 350,000 Chicago public school children out of school for the entire week.

A lot of the trouble here is the result of what is being called the Race to the Top initiative, which establishes the standard of teachers being evaluated based on the standardized test scores of their students. The initiative, according to Chicago Teachers Union President Karen Lewis, will end with 6,000 Chicago teachers being discharged within the next two years.

The unions and government officials reached a deal last week, but the fact remains — our education system needs serious reform. And the reform needs to come in a way that does not involve hundreds of thousands of children being forced out of schools, parents scrambling for child care and poor children who depend on school lunches going hungry.

The Finnish system of education became popular after the criticism of the American educational system in the documentary “Waiting for Superman.” Finland began education reform about 40 years ago. The reform acted as an economic recovery, much as the investments in the G.I. Bill assisted the American economy. According to a 2011 article in Smithsonian Magazine by LynNell Hancock, an educational study that drew from more than 40 different global venues showed Finnish students outperforming many of the world’s top nations in almost every academic subject.

“Ninety-three percent of Finns graduate from academic or vocational high schools, 17.5 percentage points higher than the United States, and 66 percent go on to higher education, the highest rate in the European Union,” Hancock reported. “Yet Finland spends about 30 percent less per student than the United States.”

Finnish teachers focus on students who are struggling and adopt the mindset of doing whatever it takes to help the student succeed. Currently, there is only one mandated standardized test at the end of a student’s senior year of high school. In addition, teachers are “professionals selected from the top 10 percent of the nation’s graduates to earn a required master’s degree in education.”

According to a CBS News article, American education majors, on average, enter school with the lowest SAT scores of any of their classmates in other majors. However, the education majors usually graduated with GPAs that were, on average, higher than their classmates’. Is the American education field pulling from the bottom of the class and then handing out easy A’s?

The American system is failing because it does not work to recruit its best and brightest to the field of education. Incentives for good, intelligent, hard-working teachers are rare in the American system. Meanwhile, Finland is recruiting their best and brightest to educate the next generation and teach them to become mature, thinking adults. Most importantly, Finnish teachers honestly care about the good of every one of their students. As mentioned before, they work to help the least common denominator to succeed no matter what the circumstances. The American system focuses on making our highest achieving students the best in the world. Our drive for competition leaves the disadvantaged in the dust. Instead of creating incentives for intelligent students to become educators, we instead shuffle them along to Goldman Sachs.

Moral of the story: The American education system has fallen into the rhythm of a systematic and standardized scoring of success. Lawmakers are encouraging the premium placed on impersonal standardization instead of working to fix the problem we all know is there. Unionized teachers are striking and begging for change despite the guilt of knowing 350,000 kids are being forced out of school. Something radical must be done.

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## Just the Clax

### Just the Clax at 100

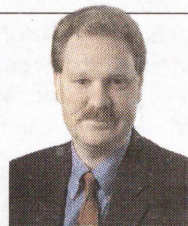
Let me clarify. I have not personally reached 100, no matter what my joints may tell me. Instead, this week I’m celebrating my 100th column for the Bison. Almost exactly seven years ago, a student editor asked me to write an article for the paper. By the next semester, the gig had become permanent, and here I am today, still turning out weekly fluff for your amusement. I should mention that the student who invited me on board is no longer working for the Bison. In fact, I believe she has fled the state.

For readers who have only come to Harding in the last year or two, I need to catch you up on the previous 99 installments. So get yourself some chips and salsa while I pop in Seasons One through Seven of “Just the Clax.” Don’t worry — we’ll skip the outtakes and deleted sentences, and I’ll try to limit this to a highlight reel.

It all started in 2005 with “No Sport Jacket Required,” a reflection on my summer mission trip to a youth camp in Ukraine. A volunteer weekend in New Orleans after Katrina inspired the second article, along with a childhood memory of scrubbing “Star Wars” figures with 409 after our house caught fire. That was apparently all the pathos readers could take that fall, and the next semester’s columns took a sillier turn with a review of the latest “King Kong” remake, followed by Oscar predictions and a rant against 24-hour news networks.

During Season Two, I switched to cutting-edge journalism, exposing our Deep South obsession with big trucks, the greedy plot of Babies “R” Us to overstock parents with infant gear, the intrusion of cell phones into life’s quiet moments and the utter rudeness of giving expensive scented soap as a romantic gift.

We posed hard-hitting questions: Why would anyone want to watch deleted



michael claxton

movie scenes? Why do some restaurants pack their napkin containers so tightly? Why does Arkansas have more tanning salons than bookstores? Why would anyone want to have a Disney-themed wedding? And why should a Tarheel have to come to Searcy to get hooked on basketball?

I’ve got to pick up the pace here. Season Three told readers what to think about tattoos, film ratings, eBay, Monopoly, Crittercams, the Mona Lisa, unwanted inventions, school bells, Facebook, the LG National Texting Championships, awkward sentences and designer pocketbooks. The year ended with an election-year political cliffhanger.

We upped our culture cred with Season Four, and an opening piece on Robert Frost. But it declined again immediately with “Spa Humbug” and assorted nonsense about the (so-called) History Channel, political pundits, Halloween, restaurant locator apps, crime melodramas, PETA, basketball referees, Red Bull and Wikipedia.

I made up for a fall 2009 hiatus by starting Season Five with a series of columns about my semester in the U.K., covering everything from English mustard to modern art. Then it was back to the usual drivel about pop culture: “Alice in Wonderland,” pizza buffets and a tribute to mustaches, wrapping up the year with a toast to my Sunday luncheon friends in “Tales from the Round Table.”

The purchase of my first home in 2010 provided golden material for Season Six, which covered HGTV,

landscaping, lawnmowers and frogs. Perhaps the highlight was a friendly poetic feud with Dr. Cliff Ganus III over the proper way to make “Bison” plural, though I also got a kick out of switching April Fools’ Day columns with opinionista Jess Ardrey.

Season Seven brought you weed eater antics and Christmas toy memories, along with thoughts about Angry Birds, unity sand, Kindles and extreme couponing. Patient readers also endured tales of basketball goals and flatbed trucks, gutter cleaning, homemade arcades and a mild-mannered columnist turning 40. What possessed me to wrap the season up by attempting a column without the letter “e,” I’ll never know.

But I’m very grateful to my readers. Over the years you’ve suffered through silly parodies of “The Night Before Christmas” and “My Favorite Things.” You’ve let me weigh in on “Twilight,” “Harry Potter” and “The Hunger Games.” You have learned more than you cared to know about my adventures playing the elf who hated Christmas, losing the spelling bee, being mistaken for Mr. Noodle and getting a really big splinter. You’ve even stood with me as I’ve said goodbye to my dad, to my Uncle Mike, to Jim Bill McInteer, to Neale Pryor, to Coach Prock and to the late Georgetown One-Stop.

Writing this column is one of the great joys of my life at Harding, and I want to thank the Bison staff for giving me a corner of their awesome newspaper for seven years. If readers can stand another year of all this, then “Just the Clax” Season Eight is under way. It promises to be the most recent season yet.

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## Wishing You a Happy Claxcentennial



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## guest space

Huh-oh. It’s somebody’s Bison birthday. That’s right, everyone’s favorite columnist Dr. The Clax hit the big one-double-oh in Bison years.

All that means is that this issue marks his 100th column. What? I know.

So let’s see. How should we celebrate such a monumental occasion? Glow sticks? Cascada? Hmm. In times like this, I like to ask myself, what would Claxton do?

Well, for starters, he would probably tell an embarrassing story from his childhood, some amusing anecdote about some blunder that ended up teaching him a life lesson.

Then there was the time Young Clax decided to make a slide out of an old piece of wood. The ER nurses enjoyed immense giggle fits that day. Be sure to ask him about it in public.

Seeing as I didn’t hit the ER until

high school, I don’t think this is my best WWCD approach. Well, there was the time my grandma met me at the bus stop in the rain and tied one of those plastic grandma hats on my head. Even the bus driver laughed.

My pride was the only casualty then, so let’s try something else. Now, knowing the Clax, he might go for the yard care angle. Many a column is spent lamenting the toils of laboring the land, and by that he mostly means keeping his lawn cut.

So maybe I, like he, should make witty comments about my neighbor’s hedge trimmers and should dress in sackcloth and cover myself in ashes when my mower runs out of gas. Maybe I, too, should somehow squeeze a metaphor out of trimming grass with a pair of scissors.

But I have asthma. Perhaps I should try to write something without using a different, but particularly crucial vowel, slaving over a thesaurus until I’ve all but expelled the letter “o” from my vocabulary. Yeah, right. Then how am I supposed to YOLO?

OK, so maybe I can’t tell you what the Clax would say. I can, however, tell

you what I know about Michael Claxton.

Michael Claxton is the guy who, instead of a simple “thank you,” hands you a box of Zebra Cakes. He is the guy who makes sure to stop by campus mail on his way out of town for a family emergency to send you a photocopy of something that he knows will brighten your day.

He is the guy who gives you a very nerdy homemade card that is so delightfully reassuring, it can make you forget how scary life is for a bit.

So, oh Claxton, our Claxton, consider this a digital Zebra Cake, a little striped nugget of thankfulness from your readers.

And WWCD? I don’t know, I guess I could have always snagged Cliff and pseudo-rapped this from the Benson stage.

But his isn’t “What Would Logan Do.”

So release the balloons, have a chicken biscuit, and let’s celebrate the 100th column of the man who I’m almost certain coordinates his neckties with his lesson plans.

Happy Claxcentennial, everybody.

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## Baseball rundown

With another wildcard spot up for grabs for the first time, the race for the MLB playoffs is even more heated than usual.

A Chicago native, I am a devoted White Sox fan. They lead their division by three games, fighting with the Tigers for a playoff spot.

On Monday, however, the White Sox proved their worth beating the Tigers by a run in a close 5-4 game.

Since the White Sox traded for former Red Sox third baseman Kevin Youkilis at the end of June, he has only batted .236. However, Youkilis has 43 RBIs and 15 home runs and has provided a strong presence at third base.

Catcher A.J. Pierzynski has 26 homeruns for the season. It has been an all around power year for him with a .513 slugging percentage.

The White Sox weakness this season could be where their biggest strength lies if they rely too much on the home run. Also, the team's closer, Addison Reed, has been struggling, not helping the contending team.

Besides the divisional race between the White Sox and Tigers, the Yankees, Rays and Orioles are also battling for a lead in their division. The Rays, however, are quickly falling behind.

With a 10-game-lead at one point in the season, the Yankees were not a team I expected to see having to fight for a playoff spot. At 38, Derek Jeter has a .320 batting average, but he can't hold the team up on his own.

The Orioles have relied on a phenomenal pitching staff and the offense has started to pick up lately, helping them to be only one game behind the Yankees.

The Athletics have played better than I expected this year, almost entirely due to their pitching. The team's batting average is second to last in the majors, but their pitching is 3rd in ERA, not to mention an abundance of walk-off victories this season.

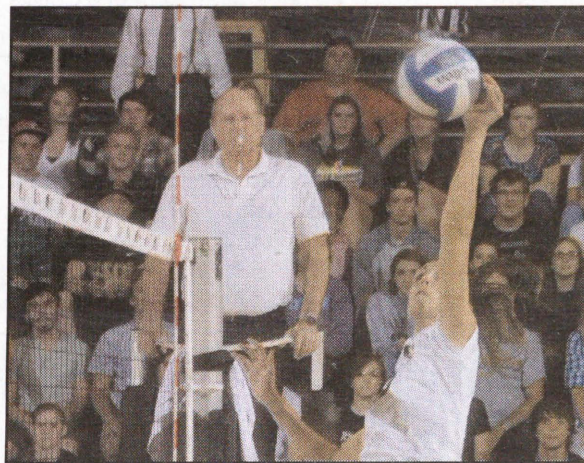
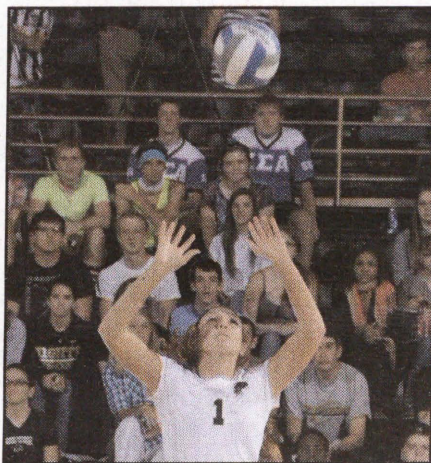
The Rangers faded into the background a bit after losing the last two World Series. Their offense, however, is doing phenomenal, ranked first in batting average and on base percentage and second in slugging in the MLB.

Last year's World Series champion Cardinals are a likely candidate to win the National League's second wild card spot.

The American League wild card will fall to the losers of the divisional races, but not wanting to be in a one-game playoff keeps those teams fighting for a division top spot, a nice change from past years.

If the White Sox can keep up their hitting and pick up on pitching, I think they have a solid chance at the World Series. But that might just be my Chicago blood talking.

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Freshman Shelby Daniel bumps the ball, senior Amber Schinzing sets, and senior Bailee Graham goes for the kill in Tuesday night's home match against Arkansas Tech University. Harding won the match 3-2.

by ALEXIS HOSTICKA  
sports editor

The Lady Bisons took down one of their biggest rivals, Arkansas Tech, in an intense five-set match on Tuesday, putting their conference record at 2-0 and overall record 9-3 as of press time.

"I feel really good about this win," Head Coach Meredith Fear said. "It was a tough and close game. I feel like these girls have suffered through what I call a 'Tech hang-up' but they finally got through it."

The Lady Bisons won the first set, lost the second and third, then took the fourth 26-24. The fifth set began with Tech in the lead 4-0, but the Lady Bisons slowly took the lead coming out with a 15-12 victory.

"This win was a big hurdle mentally," Fear said. "We had some errors but we stuck it out and worked together. This is a big momentum win for us."

Sophomore middle blocker Liv Savage was ecstatic after the match.

"It was the best feeling ever," Savage said. "Our matches are always tough against Tech, they always seem to go to five games, but now we're on top."

Before the match, sophomore setter Taryn Eubank said she knew it was going to be a difficult evening.

"Our biggest rival I would say is Arkansas Tech," Eubank said. "We have been preparing for them with different drills and strategies during practice and I know we are ready for them."

Junior outside hitter Lisa Copeland and senior setter Amber Schinzing have both already been named GAC players of the week this season.

On Sept. 13, the team defeated Lyon College in three sets. Fear said another significant accomplishment for the team was defeating Pittsburg State University.

"It is still pretty early in the season and we have a lot of goals yet to accomplish, but thus far in the season, I'd have to say our five-set win over Pitt State," Fear said. "It was the first time this year that the team overcame adversity within a match and beat a worthy opponent."

In the match against previously undefeated Pittsburg State, Schinzing recorded 59 assists and 12 digs and Copeland averaged 4.93 digs per set.

"I want to see the team win the conference and continue on to the NCAA tournament — there's no reason why we can't," Eubank said.

Fear has a similar vision.

"It is our very realistic goal to win conference and potentially go undefeated in conference play," Fear said.

If the team keeps up their game, Fear said they can go far this season.

"We occasionally have shown two different teams," Fear said. "One team is very good, plays well together and enjoys the game, and the other does not. But, it is a challenge we are well on our way to overcoming."

The Lady Bisons played their third GAC match against Ouchita Baptist University on Thursday, but results were not available at press time.

## Starting with a perfect record Bison football uses a strong offense to win first two

by MATT CHAFFIN  
asst. sports editor

The Harding University Bison football team will head into this weekend's game against the Crimson Storm of Southern Nazarene with a 2-0 record on the year.

After leading all of Division II in rushing last season the Bisons continue to bring a strong offensive attack as well as boasting a strong defensive unit that has the ability to slow down opponents offenses with ease so far in 2012.

The Bison offense has averaged 42 points per game with 325 yards rushing per game and proves to be a tough matchup for any defense. Sophomore Donatella Luckett has proven to be one of the Bisons' biggest assets.

Through the first two weeks of the season he is averaging 32 yards per reception with three touchdowns and a stiff arm move that makes many defensive backs second guess a solo tackle.

"He's an animal," said sophomore running back Ahmad Scott. "Ever since we got here our freshman year in practice nobody could take [Luckett] down."

Not only have the Bisons won their first two games of the season, but both games have been on the road, and both against very talented teams as well.

The University of North Alabama boasts one of the most storied traditions in Division II while the University of Arkansas at Monticello nearly pulled the upset against Division I opponent Northwestern State University on the road.

Harding, however, pulled a 52-7 win over Monticello, which was originally predicted to be a close match up.

Head Coach Ronnie Huckleba has talked about how his team's early success on the road can really go a long way toward boosting team confidence for the rest of the season.

"There is no doubt that starting the season out with wins is a huge positive," Huckleba said. "Especially when you start off with a win on the road, and they've got a crowd of about 11,000 people and have a very storied tradition, to get a win in that situation has gotta be a huge confidence boost for us."

Huckleba also talked about the strength on the defensive side of the ball. Harding has a very strong

and experienced depth chart led by seniors linebacker Aaron Gillaspie and defensive linemen Ty Powell and Josh Aldridge.

The Bison defense has shown its strength so far this season against two capable offenses in UNA and UAM.

Huckleba said the team's strength comes from a combination of factors, including senior leadership and depth.

"We've got a lot of seniors, we've got a lot of leadership over there," Huckleba said. "Our entire secondary are all seniors and very experienced players. We have seniors at linebacker and defensive line as well. What you really look for at the Division II level is depth. And I feel like we have quality depth and that is a big X-factor for us."

Now with the first two weeks of the season complete, the Bisons prepare for their third straight road game of the season as they head to Bethany, Okla., to face Southern Nazarene University.

After that the Bisons will be coming back home for their first home game of the season on their new turf against East Central University on Sept. 29.

## XC runs for a win

by AMY MARÉ  
multimedia editor

The Lady Bisons will compete in the oldest cross-country race in the country in just a few weeks: The Annual Cowboy Jamboree. The race dates back to 1937, and this year's race marks its 75th anniversary.

Harding will compete against more than 80 other teams for a spot at the top in the jamboree.

After finishing well at the UALR Invitational the women hope to be in good shape for the jamboree.

At the UALR invitational sophomore Ewa Zaborowska finished 2nd in the 5K, with a time of 18:24.4. Harding had two other runners in the top 25. Sophomore Rachel Roberts finished 13th in 19:52.8, and freshman Tammy Kim was 21st in 20:23.6. Despite losing three seniors last year, the team is going strong.

"We have a very young team," said Roberts, captain of the women's team. "I think we have the ability to accomplish what we did last year, we just will have to work harder."

She said she believes if they keep improving at the rate they are, the possibilities are endless. The team works hard at every meet, but the one they work the hardest for is the National Conference.

"I'm really excited for conference," sophomore Dallis Bailey said. "We work hard all season in hopes our best will show at this meet. We have a long way to go to be ready; we aren't 100 percent yet but we'll get there."

Working together is key to having a tight-knit team. The women always train together even on their days off.

"We always train as a group," Roberts said. "Even on days we're on our own we still meet up to run together; it's our time together. We're best friends. We're a family."

The Cowboy Jamboree is Sept. 29 at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla.



photo courtesy of ABBY KELLETT

Sophomore running back Donatella Luckett hurdles through a tackle and down the field in Harding's game at University of North Alabama on Sept. 8. Harding defeated UNA 31-10.



Bison golfer works on going pro

by KASEY COBLE
asst. copy editor

The ultimate goal for every serious golfer is to go pro. For junior Harding student and golf team captain Lucas Collins, that dream comes closer to reality after every amateur tournament he plays in.

compete in these tournaments as long as he or she has amateur status and has never accepted money or recognition. Though Collins has high hopes for his future in golf, he is open to the idea that it may just end up as a sport he plays for fun.

came to Harding. He has been a member of the golf team for three years and is looking forward to the upcoming season. "I think we have gotten better," Collins said. "We have a good recruiting class and are returning almost everyone."

The Bisons start their season on Sept. 24 in their first tournament at Northeastern State University. As for the Lady Bisons, their season began on Sept. 10 at the Drury Invitational in Bolivar, Mo. Over the course of two days, the Lady Bisons scored a total of 649, putting them in 7th place out of 19 teams.

have to put in the hours to make it happen," Godman said. "We are all determined to put in the time that it will take to win." She is hoping the team improves with each tournament, but is content with how the season started.

Still bleeding Razorback red

Natalie Smith
Guest space



I remember the first time I ever called the Hogs. I was four years old and getting ready to eat lunch at my grandparents' house after church one Sunday. The Arkansas Razorback football team had just defeated the Alabama Crimson Tide in Tuscaloosa 17-16 the day before. The entire state of Arkansas was on a new level.

We do not have NFL or NBA teams around here — we have the Razorbacks. That is one of the things that has always made Arkansas my team — the fans, the community and the support. But after their last couple of performances, these Razorback fans are starting to disappear quickly. From what I've seen on Twitter, Facebook, and even ESPN, people are turning against the Razorbacks faster than Albert Pujols turned on the Cardinals.

Soccer struggling for wins

Men, women scraping for goals at season's start

by TRACY MARÉ
student writer

The seasons for the men's and women's soccer teams at Harding are well underway with the men already having played five games and the women, three. As of press time, the Bisons had conquered two teams and fallen to three. After beating Ouachita Baptist 2-0 two weeks ago at home, the men have lost two tough matchups on the road against Lyon College and Northeastern State University.

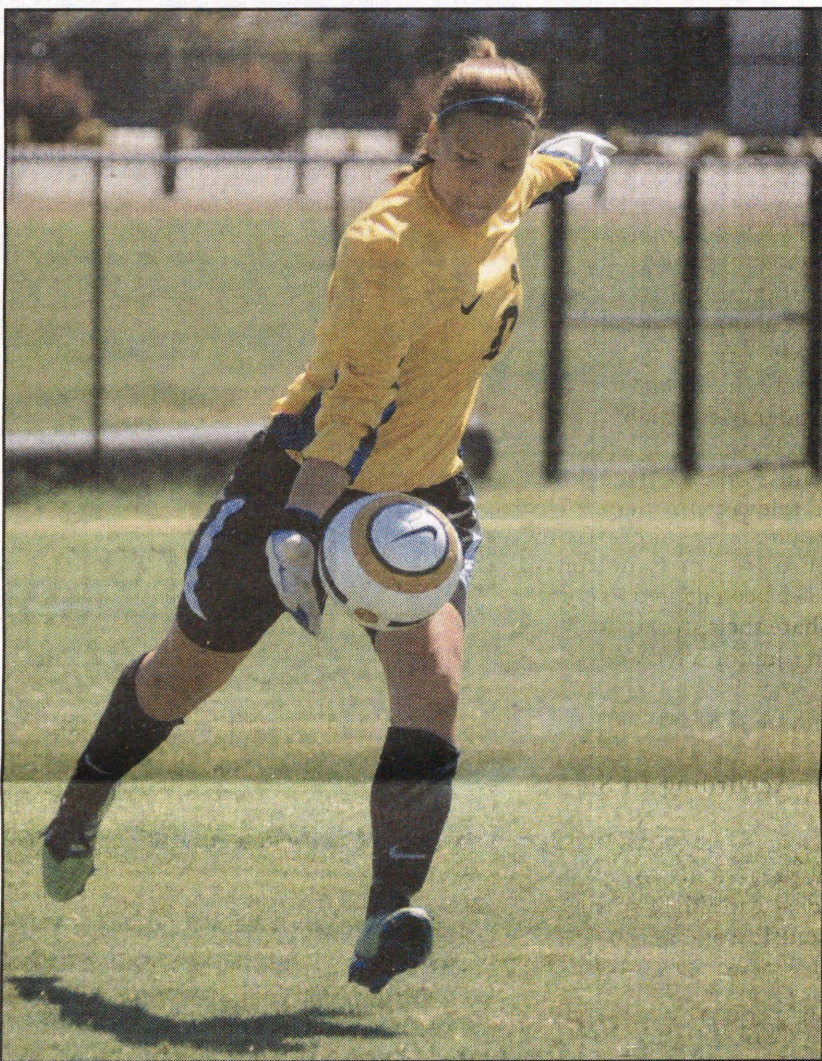


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Sophomore goal keeper Danielle Nonaka tied a career high with 12 saves against Northeastern State University on Sept. 9. Despite this, the Lady Bisons still fell 5-0 in the home game.

LOCKER TALK

Our Athletes' Views on Pop Culture

questions

- What is your favorite video game?
- If you could change your name what would it be?
- What would you title a biography of yourself?
- Favorite kind of car
- What's your favorite part of fall?

Alex Finley (Football)	Matt Sherk (Cross-Country)	Amber Priest (Cross-Country)	Brandon Bailey (Soccer)	Whitney Ohlhausen (Golf)
Tiger Woods: PGA Tour	Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time	Mario Kart	Super Smash Brothers	Call of Duty
Carleton Dawes	Boss	I like my name, no need to change it.	Steve	Jeslyn
A portrait of the Artist: The Biography of Alexander	Matt Sherk: The Gosh Darn Coolest Boss ever to Roam the Planet	Midwest Girl	Where All the Wild Things Are	Beast Mode
BMW M6	Delorean	Chrysler Crossfire	Ferrari	The Mystery Machine
Not sweating every time I even think about going outside... And football	College football. Go Oregon State!	Caramel apples	The sight of leaves falling from a tree.	Playing golf in the cooler weather.



## HUT on global mission

by BETHANY ASPEY  
editorial assistant

There is no feeling like the fourth attempt to open your mailbox and realizing that your efforts were not in vain; you have a yellow slip. Someone from home loves you and sent you a care package.

If you opened your mailbox last week and noticed that you had a little yellow slip, you may have been confused that it was not telling you that you had been sent something from home. But do not worry — this is something better.

The Global Missions Experience is coming, and it is going to be big. The GME will be hosted at Camp Tahkodah Sept. 27-30. Students can look forward to a new hands-on experience that takes you across the globe and introduces you to a variety of cultures. This year the GME offers 10 different tracts of classes so that students from all majors can learn and be a part of a mission experience that is relevant to them. Five keynote speakers from all different continents have been invited to come share their stories, including Junior Vivi Vitalone's father, Vittorio Vitalone, an anesthesiologist and missionary in Italy.

According to Shawn Daggett, Harding's Associate Professor of Missions, Vittorio Vitalone was an ideal candidate to represent Europe at the GME this year.

Daggett and Vittorio Vitalone met in 1983, right after Vittorio Vitalone had finished medical school, and would eventually spend ten years doing mission work together.

"What's really special about Vittorio is that he's a medical doctor and he supports himself while doing mission work in his own country, so he's a self-supporting evangelist," Daggett said.

"I think he will give a really good start to this because he's practicing what we're trying to show — that no matter what your career, it ought to be given up and sacrificed to God's kingdom and God's mission," Daggett said. "He's living that out."

Vittorio Vitalone visited Harding last fall to speak in chapel and hosted several student groups interested in missions.

According to Daggett, Vittorio Vitalone continues to hold meetings throughout Italy and sometimes even throughout Europe. He has also led medical mission campaigns to Cambodia, the Ivory Coast and to Honduras, in efforts to get Europeans involved in mission work; to get doctors, nurses, and evangelists in different parts of the world.

Among other keynote speakers are Brian Davis of Mumenia, Zambia; Bob Brown of Central and South America; Robert Lawrence of Alaska and Jonathan Straker of Japan.

So whether you are interested in being a missionary or just want learn how to further the kingdom of God with whatever path you choose, check out the Global Missions Experi-

## Senior takes home free ride

by HOLLY BOHNETT  
student writer

It is the fall of an election year, which means those over the age of 18 are encouraged to vote and make a difference in the presidential election. Another form of voting promotion took place this summer, and those who participated made quite a difference.

Last week, Carter Robison, a Harding senior from Ocala, Fla., won a Honda Civic LX by 77 votes through the use of social media and word of mouth.

Early this summer, Robison heard a radio advertisement mentioning the Honda of Ocala Facebook Vehicle Giveaway Contest and decided to give it a chance.

His previous car was a 1998 Honda CRV with 230,000 miles on it.

The driving force behind his campaign was his younger sister, junior Katelyn Robison.

"I called Katelyn and asked if she would help me with the contest," Carter Robison said. "And I think she thought I was crazy at first."

In early July, Katelyn Robison created a Facebook event page, asking members to vote for Carter once daily.

"I was kind of nervous at first because I didn't want to nag people," Katelyn Robison said. "I sent [Facebook] invitations to people and once they started accepting it ... I would share it and ask other people to share it and that's how it worked."



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Senior Carter Robison stands by his 2012 Honda Civic LX that he won Sept. 3 by campaigning and gaining the most votes via Facebook. Robison drove to Ocala, Fla., to pick up the car on Sept. 7.

On Aug. 10, Robison reached first place and remained in that position until Sept. 2, at which point there was no indication of how many votes he was behind his competitor.

"The last day, [a] girl got ahead and everyone was really nervous," said Zack Jones, a friend of Carter Robison's.

Several friends and voters posted the contest link on their Facebook pages, hoping to bump Carter Robison to the first place spot once again.

And they did. On Sept. 3, Carter Robison won the Honda of Ocala contest with more than 4,000 votes — just 77 votes more than the second place winner.

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**-Carter Robison, senior**

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On Friday, Sept. 7, Carter Robison drove 15 hours to Ocala, Fla., to pick up his new car.

"The [Honda] guys were extremely nice, and it was kind of surreal at first," Carter Robison said. "They detailed the car for me before they handed me the keys ... and within two hours I was driving off with the car."

Carter Robison said he is thankful to his sister, Katelyn, for promoting the contest on Facebook since he traveled a lot during the summer.

"Also, the support of Harding was incredible because without the university there is no way I could have done it," Carter Robison said.

## Blurbs from students studying abroad

**HUG**  
"THIS TRIP WAS DEFINITELY ONE OF THE BEST DECISIONS I'VE MADE. I CAN TELL THAT GOD IS WORKING THROUGH MY LIFE BY THE ENCOUNTERS I HAVE AND THE PLACES WE SEE. IT'S PRETTY AMAZING" -COURTNEY DAVIS, ALLEN, TEXAS

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"THE AEGEAN SEA IS THE KIND OF BLUE YOU SEE IN PICTURES. THE VIEWS OF THE PORTS AND COVES MAKE YOU THINK YOU ARE IN A POST CARD." -CALEB TEMPLETON, KELLER, TEXAS

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"IT IS DEFINITELY STRANGE BEING THE FOREIGNER THAT EVERYONE LOOKS AT AND THINKS TALKS FUNNY. I AM HAVING SUCH A BLAST AND AM SEEING GOD EVERYWHERE AND THE BEAUTY HE HAS CREATED, AND I FEEL SO BLESSED." -CHELSIE CLOER, VALLEY VIEW, TEXAS

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STORY BY KYLE REEVES  
GRAPHIC BY TYLER CARMICAL

## After 25 years, TNT brotherhood remains

by ASHLEY HEASTIE  
student writer

Twenty-six years ago, a group of friends in TNT, now known as the Boggs House Guys, got together and decided that every year, no matter what part of the world they were in, they would meet up and have a reunion. They stuck by their word, and years later, the tightly-knit group of friends are still going strong today. The group members consist of Blair Bryan, Brad Bradley, Byron Carlock, Jeff Pennyson, Britt Burcham, Gary MacClanahan and Jim Bradley.

It was in the early 80s that this group of friends started sharing an apartment together in East Park (where Legacy is now). In that time they became best friends and created memories.

lives together," Bryan said. "One of the major contributors to our success is being a part of this group."

All of the friends are now married and live in different parts of the United States, including Dallas and El Paso, Texas; Kennet, Mo.; Oklahoma City; Okla. and Birmingham, Ala. Among the group of friends are business owners, a graduate of Harvard Law School, and a dentist.

Bryan said they became successful through the bond they created and helped each other.

"We knew we had something very special," Bryan said. When reunited, the group always plans an activity, whether it was renting a house in Colorado, renting lake houses, a trip to the Caribbean, golfing or ziplining in New Hampshire.

Burcham said his time with

"It has been a remarkable journey to stay close with a group of guys for 25 years," Burcham said. "Our spouses know it's important to us."

Burcham said the most important thing to him on those trips was the seclusion. It gives them more time for fellowship and maximizes

their time together.

Carlock said that he had a fantastic time living with his brothers and he formed deep relationships.

"My favorite memory was singing old hymns on the upper deck on the boat," Carlock said.

The Boggs House Guys are

not just friends who meet up every year, they are a family and they look out for each other and hold one another accountable. Even though each of them has gone his separate way, they still keep that friendship and bond with each other that has made them who they are today.

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## Event roundup



by SAVANNAH LEE | Student Publications  
Cuban-born pianist Rosario Andino kicked off the Lyceum series in the Administration Auditorium on Sept. 13. The next Lyceum event features flamenco guitarist Ron Radford on Oct. 5.

## happening tomorrow

Co-creator of Disney's 'Doug' to conduct free screenwriter's workshop this Saturday from 1-3 p.m. in Reynolds' Recital Hall. Topics include writing for film, creating characters and crafting stories.

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## 'The Lunch Box' offers good, hometown cooking

by HAZEL HALLIBURTON  
copy editor

One of Searcy's newest restaurants, The Lunch Box, is sure to cure the homesick blues. Located in the old A&W building, The Lunch Box opened its doors about six months ago and has been busy frying catfish since. With the restaurant's sign advertising its country buffet and "hand-patted burgers," I decided to give this new local joint a try.

As soon as I walked in, I felt like I was back home. The atmosphere was nothing fancy. It was just simple and cute, like many small-town country fish places, with old antiques and Pinterest-like decor hanging on the walls. There were no Harding Bison or HU memorabilia on the walls and although I think it is great when local businesses support school pride, it was a nice change to go into a place without feeling like you were still on Harding's campus. The Lunch Box is a place that every Southern student can go into and relate to a place back home.

After the waitress showed my friend and me to our table, we quickly surveyed the menu and decided to start off with the "Happy Shrimp" with "Joy Sauce." The fried shrimp was definitely our favorite. It was just right, not too much breading, but enough breading

to supply a crunchiness to compliment the slightly spicy dipping sauce.

The Lunch Box's menu is somewhat limited, but offers several different kinds of salads, chicken sandwiches, hamburgers and catfish plates. I chose the two-piece catfish plate, which was more than enough food and cost right under \$7. Along with two pieces of fish, it came with french fries, cole slaw, brown beans, hushpuppies and a small helping of pickled green tomatoes: Southern perfection.

I have been known to be quite picky about my fish, but their catfish was cooked just right. The fish feathered apart when my fork went through the fried fillets. It wasn't dry, but it wasn't slimy either like some catfish I have had before. Overall, the food was really good, just like the service.

We were quickly shown to our table upon arrival, the food only took about 10 minutes and the waitress made several trips to our table to make sure we had everything we wanted.

Overall, I think The Lunch Box was a successful dinner outing. It offers a hometown feel, reasonable pricing and friendly service.

The Lunch Box is located at 1100 E. Race Ave., and is open Sunday-Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Thursday and Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## Top Shows

1. **THE OFFICE** — RETURNING FOR ITS NINTH AND FINAL SEASON, THERE WILL BE A LOT OF QUESTIONS ANSWERED, ALONG WITH PLENTY OF JIM AND PAM DRAMA. WE WILL ALSO GET TO FIND OUT WHO IS BEHIND THE DOCUMENTARY THAT HAS BEEN FILMING THEIR SHOW, AND POSSIBLY A SURPRISE RETURN BY STEVE CARELL. PREMIERE: THURSDAY, SEPT. 20.

2. **MODERN FAMILY** — THE ECLECTIC GROUP OF CHARACTERS THAT MAKE UP MODERN FAMILY WILL RETURN FOR ITS FOURTH SEASON. AFTER A CONTRACT HICCUP ALMOST CEASED PRODUCTION, WE WILL SEE ALL THE SAME CHARACTERS ALONG WITH A FEW NEW ONES. PREMIERE: WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 26.

3. **GREY'S ANATOMY** — SEASON NINE IS COMING WITH ANSWERED QUESTIONS THAT LEFT VIEWERS ON THE EDGE OF THEIR SEAT DURING THE LAST EPISODE OF SEASON EIGHT. THE FATE OF ARIZONA ROBBINS IS REVEALED, ALONG WITH NEWS ABOUT MEREDITH AND DEREK. PREMIERE: THURSDAY, SEPT. 27.

4. **REVENGE** — MAIN CHARACTER EMILY THORNE KEEPS THINGS INTERESTING IN THIS SEASON AS SHE MAKES HER MOVE IN THE WAKE OF LAST SUMMER'S EVENTS. AS SHE TRIES TO AVENGE HER FATHER WE MEET NEW CAST MEMBERS AND PLOT TWISTS ALONG THE WAY. PREMIERE: SUNDAY, SEPT. 30.

STORY BY RYAN FOSTER

GRAPHIC BY TYLER CARMICAL

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## What's New

1. **THE MINDY PROJECT** — STARRING THE OFFICE'S MINDY KALING. WE MEET MINDY, AN OB/GYN LOOKING FOR HER ROMANTIC COMEDY HAPPY ENDING. WHILE BALANCING HER SUCCESSFUL CAREER SHE MUST GET HER LOVE LIFE BACK ON TRACK BEFORE HER FRIENDS STAGE AN INTERVENTION. PREMIERE: TUESDAY, SEPT. 25.

2. **REVOLUTION** — FROM THE DIRECTOR OF IRON MAN 2, REVOLUTION IS AN ACTION-ADVENTURE, CENTERED ON A BLACKOUT THAT LEAVES PEOPLE LIVING IN A DARK AGES-ESQUE SOCIETY WITHOUT OUR MODERN TECHNOLOGY. PLANES FALL FROM THE SKY, HOSPITALS SHUT DOWN AND COMMUNICATION IS IMPOSSIBLE. PREMIERE: MONDAY, SEPT. 17.

3. **GO ON** — STARRING MATTHEW PERRY FROM "FRIENDS," A SPORTSCASTER IS TRYING TO MOVE ON FROM THE DEATH OF HIS WIFE BY JOINING A SUPPORT GROUP. A COMEDY-DRAMA/SITCOM, THAT IS SURE TO BRING HEARTFELT MOMENTS, ALONG WITH PLENTY OF LAUGHTER. PREMIERE: TUESDAY, SEPT. 11.

## Fashion advice on fall colors, trends and style

by ANNEMARIE DOYLE  
guest writer

There is something I have been waiting to say since school started, something that makes me feel beautiful and warm inside and out ... I guess Harding has worn off on me, because I've fallen in love. There is no way to describe this feeling — it needs unknown languages and canons of unwritten poetry to define this sensation.

You know what I'm talking about, right? Of course you do — this season's fall fashion and trends.

Lately, we have been breaking all of the rules, like mixing black and brown and carrying our summer prints/florals into fall. We have blatantly disobeyed every 'matching' rule with color blocking, neons and pastels. But that is exactly what fall is for. Push every fashion rule to its limit. That being said, don't purposely dress ugly.

Let's start off with colors and prints: think bruising. There is a lot of burgundy, oxblood, black and every chromatic value of blue happening. Cheetah and leopard prints are still in, but move over for the more prominent reptilian prints like snakeskin and crocodile.

Leather is amazing. Go for a statement bag or pair of leggings/pants — those say so much more than your traditional jacket. Put on some suede, velvet and lace. Remember to break the rules. Plaid has been revamped on a more compact scale (save the trademark Burberry plaid), and of course, houndstooth is always in this time of year.

Especially interesting this fall is the appearance of Baroque influences. Having

gone to Florence, Paris and London this summer with the HUF-ART program, I studied about the Baroque period for some time and am so excited that I can wear it this fall. This is definitely my personal favorite trend right now. Here's how to get the look: Don your ruffles, lace up your heels/booties, gold is good and having the playful and dramatic attitude that characterized the Baroque time period can't hurt either.

Military style is definitely on the up and up this season, and before you think that you're "too girly" for a military jacket or combat boots, why not try pairing them with a floral dress? The dress tones down the toughness of the jacket and combat boots basically go with anything. Think of them as your new Chacos.

And closing is my personal favorite category: Bags. Because really, whose purse isn't their best friend? It's always there for you with the basic necessities; lipgloss, keys, I.D. Card. It carries homework, an innumerable amount of odds and ends and gets thrown to the side when we get to class. It also takes a huge weight off our shoulders (literally, backpacks are atrocious). So why not get a fabulous new best friend just in time for fall? Portfolio clutches are marvelous for a polished business effect. The circle bag, the latest take on the classic crossbody, is laid back and ultra chic, plus it is just super adorable.

This semester, I'll be carrying a luxurious daytime tote — big enough for sketchbooks and Bibles galore.

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